

REMARKS

The Specification has been amended to provide a cross-reference to the previously filed International Application.

Entry of the amendments and favorable action on the merits are respectfully requested.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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